

California Leafy Green Handler Marketing Board

To All Signatories:

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has issued a new import policy regarding leafy greens from the United States. The details are below but, in summary, Box 22 of the Confirmation of Sale (COS) accompanying all applicable product from California must have the following:

- 1) Declaration that the product is from California
- 2) Your Company Name
- 3) State that you are a Signatory to the LGMA

If you have any questions, please contact Board Chair Joseph Pezzini at 831-633-2144.

Details on Import Requirements for Leafy Green Vegetables from U. S. and California

Please be advised that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has just released an import policy for all leafy greens from the United States. This import policy applies to all US shipments of leafy green vegetables either sold in bags, in bulk, or combined with other food items, in a fresh state. This includes:

- Arugula
- Baby leaf lettuce (i.e., immature lettuce or leafy greens)
- Butter lettuce
- Cabbage
- Chard
- Endive
- Escarole
- Green and Red leaf lettuce
- Iceberg lettuce
- Kale
- Romaine lettuce
- Spring mix
- Spinach

If you are shipping leafy greens from the United States to Canada YOU WILL HAVE TO:

1. Declare in Box 22 of the Confirmation of Sale's document (COS) whether the product was grown in California or in a State other than California;
2. Product grown in California must have been handled by a signatory handler of the California Leafy Green Products Handler Marketing Agreement (Handler Marketing Agreement) and the name of the signatory handler has to be noted in Box 22 of the COS.

The Handler Marketing Agreement, the list of signatory handlers and the Leafy Green GAPs can be found at: <http://www.caleafygreens.ca.gov/>. A handler is defined as any person who handles, processes, ships or distributes leafy green product for market whether as owner, agent, employee, broker or otherwise. This definition does not include a retailer.

It is strongly recommended that all US shippers implement these requirements by May 21st, 2007, as enforcement actions will start on June 1st, 2007 by Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the CFIA. Failure to comply with this policy will result in product being refused entry into Canada.

CFIA is encouraging the use of the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) to accelerate the release process at the border.

For a copy of the entire import policy, please click here:

<http://www.cpma.ca/pdf/Californian_Leafy_Greens.pdf> English
<http://www.cpma.ca/pdf/Californian_Leafy_Greens_fr.pdf> French

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